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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,


- b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 2,
- d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation for reference (**AK**) is set forth below:

U.S. Patent No. 5,995,052 and International Application Publication No. WO 99/60660 corresponds to JP 2002-516503.

5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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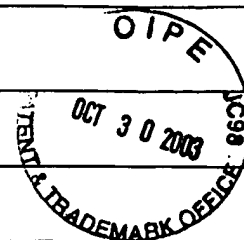
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